

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 5th February 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Vice Chairman – Councillor D W Morris
Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H Ll Morgan
Councillors - Mrs M Arnold, Mrs G Baty and Mrs A Burges

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor A E Banks

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 8th January 2007.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 23rd January 2007.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to all members and advises that all equipment is safe to use.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The Town Clerk gave the report and advised:
Limes Cemetery: that the gates of the cemetery have been power-washed and the benches cleaned in preparation for painting and treating.
Twt Park
Pillar leading from Town Mill Road has been re-pointed.
Holy Cross Church
Loose slabs on the path have been re-laid.

Item 7: C.A.S.H. Grant Applications.
Members discussed the following possible project for inclusion:

- Boundary fencing for the extension of the Limes Cemetery
- The sewer at the Limes cemetery – dependant upon the result of discussions with the Legal and Engineering Departments at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- Banners for the 'display poles' in the 'High Street'
- A new piece of play equipment for the Twt play park. (DDA compliant)

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2006/2007

8.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries

Clarification for responsibility of the trees on the boundary with the school is being investigated through the deeds of the school by the Estates Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Early indications are that the trees are the responsibility of the Town Council but clarification of the wording of the deed is to be sought by the Town Clerk.

With regard to the current condition of the trees, the parks department were requested by the Education Department to carry out a survey and prepare a report. However, due to staffing and resource difficulties, this is not now possible. It has been suggested that the Town Council seeks a report from an independent arboricultorist but it will have to bear the cost.

The triangular piece of land to the North West boundary of the cemetery appears not belong to the school and a meeting is being arranged with the Parks and Leisure Department to discuss its possible incorporation within the cemetery which might allow for future access by machinery via Poplars Park.

ii) Sewer

This is still under investigation by the Legal Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

8.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

(a) Letter received from Mr David Crompton, Parish Warden at Holy Cross Church regarding an extinguished light which is situated on the boundary of the churchyard and the adjacent premises and lights the path leading from the Church to Church Street. The writer advises that the light does not appear to have been working for some time and whether the Town Council is able to rectify this.

Noted.

Whether the light, which is attached to an electricity pole, forms part of the street lighting is uncertain but it was agreed that a request should be submitted by the Town Clerk to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for its repair and that the Church should be advised of the action being taken. The pole itself stands on land, which is in the ownership of the Church.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr Nick Lloyd had inspected work that has already taken place in the churchyard and is pleased with the progress that has been made.

8.3 Southgate Park

(a) Letter from The Vale of Glamorgan Council acknowledging the application submitted by the Town Council giving notification of intention to carry out work to remove 2 no. Willow trees on the northern boundary of Southgate Park.

Noted.

8.4 Llanblethian Playing Fields.

No matters arising.

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Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1 To consider the letter received from Centregreat Limited in response to the graffiti on the hoardings and parking of vehicles in the Twt Park. The letter confirmed that action would be taken to address the problem.

Noted.

Since receiving the reply, further problems have arisen and it was agreed that Mr Daniels should be invited to attend, prior to the next committee meeting, in order that the concerns of members might be raised directly with him.

Item 10: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

No matters arising.

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 5th March 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor A Williams
Chairman.